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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Directors and Authorizers of Public School Academies

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

SUBJECT: Resolution Encouraging Voter Registration of 18 Year-Olds and  
Students to be Precinct Inspectors

At its September 9, 2008 meeting, the State Board of Education adopted a resolution encouraging local school districts to promote voter registration of students who are 18 years old and/or those who will be age 18 by Election Day, November 4, 2008 to register to vote by the October 4, 2008 deadline. In addition, the resolution encourages local school districts to make information available that promotes opportunities for students to become precinct inspectors on Election Day.

The resolution is attached. Please share the resolution with high school teachers and other individuals who have contact with students at least 16 years old for precinct inspector, and 18 years old by November 4 for voter registration.

**Additional Resources**

Voter Registration Application can be found on the Secretary of State's website at:  
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration\\_97046\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf)

Section 168.677 of the Michigan Election Law can be found on the Michigan Legislature website at:  
[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(gr1lauzmhwz0zs3shscruv2m\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-168-677](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(gr1lauzmhwz0zs3shscruv2m))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-168-677)

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RESOLUTION

Encouraging Voter Registration of 18 Year-Olds  
and  
Students to be Precinct Inspectors

WHEREAS, the right to vote is among the core values and basic liberties that this nation is build upon; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote was not originally guaranteed in the Constitution to women and African Americans and was subsequently won at great personal cost to those groups; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has established the preparation of young people to become responsible citizens as a goal of the Michigan Merit Social Studies curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has an opportunity this fall to encourage its students to be involved in the responsibilities of citizenship in a pluralistic, democratic society by registering to vote; and

WHEREAS, public service including serving as a precinct inspector is one of these key responsibilities of citizens in a democracy; and


WHEREAS, Michigan's Compiled Laws §168.677 allows for the appointment as precinct inspectors of both registered voters 18 and over and high school students aged 16 and above with permission from their schools; now therefore be it

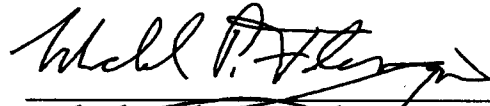
RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education encourage local school districts to promote voter registration of students who are 18 years old and/or those who will be age 18 by Election Day, November 4, 2008, to register to vote by the deadline date of October 4, 2008; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Board of Education encourage local school districts to make information available that promotes opportunities for students to become precinct inspectors on Election Day.



Adopted September 9, 2008

  
Kathleen N. Straus, President

  
Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction